

## GENERAL COUNCIL BIENNIAL OPENED IN MOLINE CHURCH

Initial Service Inspires and Thrills Big Body of Lutherans Assembled.

DR. ABRAHAMSON IN WELCOME

Business Sessions Opened This Afternoon With President Schmauk in the Chair.

With a service that thrilled and inspired the throng gathered in the First Lutheran church, Moline, the general council of the Lutheran church in North America opened its 25th biennial convention this morning. The full general council liturgy of the communion service was used, the 12 vice presidents of the council and the other officers officiating. The service, delivered by Dr. T. E. Schmauk, president of the council, was a scholarly effort and will long linger in the memories of those who heard the eloquent divine.

The address of welcome to the convention was delivered by Dr. L. G. Abrahamson of Rock Island, chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

The public confessional service, which preceded the addresses and the communion, was very impressive. Its culmination was reached when the vast congregation, kneeling, repeated the confession of sins, and Rev. Schmauk pronounced the absolution. Then followed the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!" as it has never been heard sung before in the Moline church. "Gloria in Excelsis" was also one of the musical gems of the service, which, with J. F. Ohl, Director of Music, presiding at the organ, and Dr. L. D. Reed of Philadelphia directing the choir, was sung until it seemed the church could scarcely contain the swelling harmony.

Hundreds of visitors went forward and received the holy sacrament of the Lord's supper as it was administered by Rev. E. Hoffman, G. F. Gehl, J. Maurer, A. Appell, G. O. Berkeimer and William Horn, all officers of the council.

In his address of welcome Dr. L. G. Abrahamson referred to the character of the two cities in which the council is gathered. He spoke of the fame of Moline manufacturers, especially of plows and automobiles, and of Rock Island's national renown as the center of a great railway system and the site of a government arsenal. Headed:

**On Historic Ground.**  
"Only twice before in its long history has the general council met so far west. Both meetings were held in Minneapolis. You are now assembled on historic ground. Here more than sixty years ago our humble forefathers built altars to worship their God. The founders of our church were wise builders. They knew a church could not long exist without its own educational institutions, and therefore they laid the foundations for that comprehensive educational system which has its center here."

He then paid tribute to the founders of the Augustana synod, whose activities centered in Rock Island and Moline. He referred particularly to Hanselquist, Olsson, Lindahl, Eshjorn and Jonas Swenson, showing how each of these had been instrumental in promoting the work of the Lutheran church among the Swedes of America. In concluding his address, Dr. Abrahamson extended a special welcome to the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society, which is holding its convention in connection with the general council gathering. "We can scarcely over-estimate the value of the work done by our noble women in the past," he said, "and now that they are so splendidly organized, what can we not expect from them in the future?"

**Women Serve Luncheon.**  
Following the morning service the women of the Lutheran hospital asso-

## IS PRESIDING OVER LUTHERANS' MEETING



Dr. T. E. Schmauk, Philadelphia.

ciation served luncheon in the church parlors to more than two hundred persons. The proceeds are to be added to the Lutheran hospital fund.

This afternoon the convention was called to order for its first business session, Dr. T. E. Schmauk presiding. After credentials of delegates had been presented and the roll called by synods, the convention got down to business. The president's report, a document of 15 printed pages, was first presented. Election of officers was to follow.

## FACING A CRISIS WITHIN BORDERS

Speaker at Lutheran Women's Council Refers to Dangers Here to Christianity.

That the United States is facing a great crisis within its own borders entirely apart from the great European war and that it behooves the Christians of America to mobilize for Christianity was the assertion, last evening of Mrs. D. A. Davy of Chicago, official delegate of the general synod society, speaking at the opening meeting of the third biennial convention of the Women's Missionary society of the Swedish Lutheran general council in the First church, Moline.

Mrs. Davy was the only speaker of the evening. Mrs. T. H. Dahl of Minneapolis, president and organizer of the United Norwegian Women's Federation, having telegraphed at the last moment that she would be unable to reach the convention floor until this morning.

**Trial is Interesting.**  
The trial, in which the general council was defendant, proved an interesting event. Women from health-lands appeared and told of what had been done and what had not been done by the council in the countries they came from. The women of the jury returned a verdict that the council had failed to do many things, but they added that this failure had not been wilful and so was excusable.

The judge was Mrs. Ulla Berrell of Rock Island. Prosecuting attorney was Marian Lundie of Moline and attorney for the defense was Miss Amanda Eastberg of Rock Island. Witnesses were as follows:

Woman from India—Miss Etta Satterdahl, Rock Island.  
Woman from Japan—Mrs. C. A. Kraft, Rock Island.  
Woman from China—Mrs. Margaret Magnusson, Rock Island.  
Woman from Porto Rico—Miss Elsie Astrom, Moline.

Forewoman of the jury was Mrs. George W. Johnson of Moline.

**More Missionaries Needed.**  
The great need of more missionaries was the theme emphasized by all witnesses, who asked for more volunteers. The verdict of the jury called for more mission study and work.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, vice president of the council, presided at the meeting. Opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. F. Bergstrom, pastor of the church.

**MAN DIES WHILE IN BOAT FISHING**

Davenport's Lifeless Body Discovered in Skiff on Shore of Big Island, in Rock River.

Charles Sehner, a farmer on Big Island, found the lifeless body of George M. Schmidt of Davenport in a rowboat at noon today. The boat had been washed on the shore of the island. It is thought. Heart trouble is believed to have caused the death of Schmidt and he had passed away not over three hours before being found. Schmidt lived in a bungalow on the island, having spent the summer there. He was between 50 and 60 years old and when last seen alive this morning, was in the boat fishing in the Mississippi river near the mouth of Rock river. He has a wife and family.

The local police and Coroner R. C. J. Meyer were notified by Mr. Sehner upon the discovery. Coroner Meyers went to the island and assumed charge of the body. An inquest will be held late this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## FINANCE HEATING PLANT BY A COUP?

Said That the Jail Committee Plans Attempt to Take \$10,000 From General Fund.

BOND ISSUE PROCEEDS TIED UP

Tire of Giving Personal Notes and Hope to Avoid Responsibility if Verdict is Adverse.

In an all day session of the jail committee yesterday, it was decided to attempt to secure \$10,000 from the general fund with which to pay for the heating plant which is to be erected in connection with the new county jail.

County Treasurer Frank J. Glendenin and his counsel, H. A. Weld, were called into conference relative to the matter. It will be remembered that the former refused to pay out any more funds out of the bond issue for work done on the jail project, until the supreme court has acted on pending litigation which has been started against him by Walter Russ.

The committee asked the official if he would be willing to pay out any money from the general fund for the heating plant. It is understood his counsel informed the committee that he would not pay out any of the bond issue, but that he could see no reason to refuse to honor warrants drawn on the general fund. It was stipulated that a resolution be passed authorizing the money for the heating plant be taken from the general fund, instead of from funds raised by the bond issue.

**Try to Dodge.**

In this way the majority of the members of the jail committee hope to "dodge" personal responsibility for the heating plant. The committee has already signed a note for \$2,875.21 for work which Contractor P. H. Lorenz did on the jail project during the month of July and the August bill is due tomorrow, when it is possible another note will have to be drawn. The members of the committee evidently felt that by passing a resolution providing that the heating plant be paid for out of the general fund, that part of the "load" would thereby be carried by the county.

The bond issue proposition, which was carried by a vote of the people, provided that the money be spent for the jail building proper and other "necessary" expenses in connection with the structure. It was at first proposed that the money come from the \$75,000 bond issue, but now the committee is seeking to have the \$10,000 which will be spent on the heating plant for the new jail and sheriff's residence, as well as the court house, come from the general fund.

Work of pouring concrete for the walls of the jail and sheriff's residence has been about completed. It is expected that the boilers will be put in place the first of next week.

## ANGRY UNCLE HAS YOUNG MAN HELD

James Zabrinis of Moline is Taken Into Custody and Will Be Returned to Erie, Pa.

James Zabrinis, aged 23, was taken in custody by Moline police this morning and on request of police at Erie, Pa., will be sent to Pennsylvania immediately, the defendant having waived extradition rights.

Andrew Zabrinis, said to be an uncle, charges Zabrinis with larceny of \$150. The relative formerly conducted a store in Moline. A few weeks ago the younger Zabrinis was arrested in Wisconsin upon request of the Erie authorities, but was released when complications arose in Pennsylvania.

To the Moline police he has denied his guilt and his many friends in Moline declare the story he tells is true.

When he lived in Moline he was employed by his uncle at the grocery store, but he says his uncle never paid him wages and now owes him in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Several months ago he demanded a settlement and Zabrinis the elder transferred the stock to him. It is said the transfer was not legal, however, because the stock is said to have been mortgaged.

The two moved to Erie, a plan suggested by Andrew Zabrinis. The nephew was still unable to collect from his uncle and he grew angry and left, returning to Moline where he had \$100 in the bank. He asserts his uncle stole his bank book, but was unable to get the money and is now angry for two reasons—failure to get the money from the bank and loss of his nephew's services in the store. The nephew declares the charge of larceny is a false accusation, prompted partly by revenge and partly by a desire to get him back to Pennsylvania.

## PERSONAL POINTS

Rev. Granville H. Sherwood has returned home after a month's sojourn at Onkama, Mich.

Miss Anna Lange, 2531 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, has returned from a visit of a week at St. Louis with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dau, formerly of this city.

Charles S. Ross, a native of this county, was called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Winfield of Davenport, whose remains were buried Tuesday at Oakdale cemetery, beside those of her two children. The death of Mrs. Winfield leaves Mr. Ross the sole surviving member of his fam-

ily. Mrs. Winfield had lived in Davenport since her marriage, living in Andalusia prior to that time. She had been an invalid for years.

J. B. Titterton has returned from several weeks sojourn at Cody, Wyo. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry, 1216 Fifth avenue, are the parents of a baby girl born this morning.

Mrs. Charles Samuelson has returned to her home in Kewanee after a visit with her brother, Charles Hedberg and family at 914 Fourteenth-and-a-half street.

Miss Clara Samuelson has gone to Des Moines where she has taken a position with the Harris, Emery company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schmale and nephew, have returned to their home in St. Louis after a several weeks' visit in the city.

Mrs. Margaret Eckhart Davidson has joined the millinery sales force at L. S. McCabe & Co.

Miss Margaret Wich, 2735 Sixth avenue, left this morning for a visit in New York city and Buffalo. Enroute home she will visit at Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. R. C. Clarke, 1913 Nineteenth street, left today for Detroit, Mich., for a visit with her son Fred Clarke.

## MEN WHO WINK AT LAW ARE SCORED

L. O. G. T. Members at Geneva Condemn Officials Who Permit Violations of Liquor Laws.

More than 50 young men of Illinois delegates to the Scandinavian grand lodge of Illinois, L. O. G. T., which closed its annual convention at Geneva, Ill., Sept. 5, joined in passing resolutions condemning every public official of Illinois who allows violations of liquor laws to flourish in his territory. Resolutions were drawn by Ariel Nelson, acting grand chief, templar, and Eric Ericson, acting grand secretary.

In attendance from Moline are 11 men representing Fridhem lodge, No. 16, Moline. They are expected home this evening.

## \$12,000 IS PAID FOR LIVERY BARN

Kantz of Moline Will Retire and Stable Will Be Converted Into Garage—Needs Vacation.

For \$12,000, C. M. Ahlens and Miss Charlotte Stotmeister have purchased the Kantz livery barn at 403 Thirtieth street, Moline.

Mr. Kantz will retain possession until Nov. 1, when the building will be occupied as a garage by Ahlens & Nowers, who are now engaged in the business on the second floor of the Auto Service building. The building now used as a livery barn will be converted into a modern and convenient auto livery and repair shop. It is said that the new owners will make improvements.

Mr. Kantz has been in the livery business more than 25 years. He started in Rock Island and after making several changes there, he removed to Moline.

The veteran liveryman, announces that he is tired of the business, not having had a vacation during the last 25 years.

## Peoria Seizes Opium

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 8.—Federal authorities today searched for the source of 5,600 half pint bottles of opium seized in a raid in East Peoria late yesterday.

**Farmer Hit by Lightning.**  
Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 8.—John W. Snow, a farmer of McLean, struck by lightning last evening, his hat burned off, hair singed, silver watch melted, and other injuries, was today still in an unconscious condition and may die.

**Mrs. Laura Johnson Dead.**  
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Laura Johnson, wife of Major Edward Johnson, custodian of the Lincoln monument, died today in a hospital after a brief illness.

## Call for Bids.

The school board of Milan has advertised for the sale of \$6,200 bonds for the new school building. Bids to be opened Sept. 20. Bids for the construction of the building will be opened Sept. 23.

## To Receive 500 at Camp.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8.—Applications to attend the army school at Fort Sheridan Sept. 20 to Oct. 17, which were to have closed tomorrow will be received until further notice up to 500, it was announced today. More than 200 applications have been received to date.

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## AUGUSTANA SYNOD TO BREAK AWAY?

Delegates to General Council Will Pass on Important Matter at Called Session.

### COMMITTEE TO MAKE A REPORT

Recommended That Mission and Educational Work Be Taken Away From Central Body.

Shall Augustana synod withdraw from the general council of the Lutheran church? That is the big question which is to be debated at a meeting of all of the delegates to the council which is to be held this evening at Denmark library.

At the meeting of Augustana synod in Minneapolis, last June, agitation relative to withdrawal from the council reached a climax with the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Augustana synod respectfully suggest to the general council that the constitution of said body be so revised that Augustana synod no longer be placed in the relation of a district synod to said body, but in that of a general body, so that the general council becomes in principle as well as in practice, an advisory body only, in order that a federation of all Lutheran bodies in North America may be made possible.

### Committee to Report.

At that time a committee of five, composed of Dr. A. G. Abrahamson, Dr. G. A. Andren, Dr. C. W. Foss, Professor C. J. Sodergren and K. T. Anderson, was appointed to present a proposal to the delegates at the council gathering here tonight. It is proposed that the council relinquish all of the mission work of the church, turning it over to the various synods; that the council leave the matter of liturgies to the various synods, and that the council no longer handle the educational work of the church except to urge and recommend that this work be continued.

It is thought that the council will waive all the proposed plans except that relative to home missions. It is said the agitation has developed because of the gradual limiting of the powers of the synods.

## OBITUARY

### Funeral of Miss Pauline Bowman.

The funeral of Miss Pauline Bowman was held at 12:30 this afternoon at the home on Third street in Milan, Rev. Alfred Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church, was in charge of the services. Interment was in Bishop Hill cemetery.

### Funeral of Arthur Mecum.

Funeral services for Arthur Mecum were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. E. Freed, 709 Twenty-second street. Interment was in Chipplannock cemetery.

### Holtzer Infant.

Marie Emma, week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Holtzer, died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon at the home, 1909 Seventh avenue. The parents survive. Private funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Dean J. J. Quin officiating, with interment in Chipplannock cemetery.

### Funeral of Peter Iverson.

The funeral of Peter E. Iverson will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, 718 Fourth street, with interment in Chipplannock cemetery.

### Funeral of Elizabeth Greenman.

The remains of Elizabeth, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Greenman, arrived in Rock Island last night from the home in Evanston. Funeral services were conducted this morning at 9:30 at the home of Henry P. Hull, 520 Eighteenth street, Rev.

Granville H. Sherwood officiating. Interment was in Chipplannock cemetery.

## RUSS LOSE 4,400 MEN IN GERMAN CAPTURE

London, Sept. 8.—The German version of the latest Austrian war office statement, received here by wireless from Berlin, asserts that 20 Russian officers, 4,400 men and seven machine guns were captured when Austro-Hungarian troops captured Russian positions north of Szupalka, near the mouth of the Sereth river.

The Austrian official statement received last night from Vienna, while chronicling the capture of positions at Szupalka, made no reference to the capture of Russian troops at that point.

## CALL CONGRESSMEN IN VOTING SCANDAL

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 9.—Two congressmen elected in November, 1914, at the general election in which 41 officials and citizens of Nueces county are charged with conspiring to corrupt, will testify for the defendants in the United States district court today. Congressman John N. Gardner of Uvalde and Jeff McLemore of Houston, congressmen-at-large, it was said, would be called to the stand for the defense.

Testimony already introduced by the prosecution has been in an effort to prove that many Mexicans were allowed to vote who were not residents of the state and that they received money from some of the defendants.

## WOMAN SERVING AS LOS ANGELES MAYOR

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 8.—Miss Estelle Lawton Lindsay, the city's only council woman, was acting mayor of the city today. Mayor Sebastian having been called out of town for the day. This is the first time, as far as known, that a woman has acted as the head of a municipality of the size of Los Angeles.

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